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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 12766-007]

Green Mountain Power Corporation; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing, Soliciting Motions to Intervene and Protests, Ready for Environmental Analysis, and Soliciting Comments, Recommendations, Terms and Conditions, and Prescriptions

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

- a. Type of Application: New License for Transmission Line Project
- b. Project No.: 12766-007
- c. Date filed: November 22, 2019
- d. Applicant: Green Mountain Power Corporation (Green Mountain Power)
- e. Name of Project: Clay Hill Road Line 66 Transmission Project (Clay Hill Project)
- f. Location: The Clay Hill Project is located along Clay Hill Road in Windsor County, Vermont. The Clay Hill Project does not occupy any federal land.
- g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791(a) - 825(r)
- h. Applicant Contact: John Greenan, Green Mountain Power Corporation, 2152 Post Road, Rutland, VT 05701; Phone at (802) 770-2195, or email at John.Greenan@greenmountainpower.com.

i. FERC Contact: Bill Connelly, (202) 502-8587 or william.connelly@ferc.gov. Deadline for filing motions to intervene and protests, comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions: 60 days from the issuance date of this notice; reply comments are due 105 days from the issuance date of this notice.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file motions to intervene and protests, comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCOOnline.aspx>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/QuickComment.aspx>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY).

The Commission's Rules of Practice require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

j. This application has been accepted for filing and is ready for environmental analysis at this time.

k. Project Description: The existing Clay Hill Project consists of: (1) a 2.3-mile-long, 12.5-kV, three-phase electrical line mounted on top of Green Mountain Power's regional distribution line (Line 66) along Clay Hill Road from Pole 115 to 62x; and (2) appurtenant facilities. The project serves as a primary transmission line for the North Hartland Hydroelectric Project No. 2816. Green Mountain Power is not proposing any changes to project facilities or operation.

l. In addition to publishing the full text of this notice in the Federal Register, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this notice, as well as other documents in the proceeding (*e.g.*, license application) via the Internet through the Commission's Home Page (<http://www.ferc.gov>) using the eLibrary link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document (P-12766). At this time, the Commission has suspended access to the Commission's Public Reference Room due to the proclamation declaring a National Emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) issued by the President on March 13, 2020. For assistance, contact FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (886) 208-3673 or (202) 502-8659 (TTY).

You may also register online at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCOOnline.aspx> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

m. Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, and

.214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

All filings must: (1) bear in all capital letters the title PROTEST, MOTION TO INTERVENE, COMMENTS, REPLY COMMENTS, RECOMMENDATIONS, TERMS AND CONDITIONS, or PRESCRIPTIONS; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

n. A license applicant must file no later than 60 days following the date of issuance of this notice: (1) a copy of the water quality certification; (2) a copy of the request for certification, including proof of the date on which the certifying agency received the

request; or (3) evidence of waiver of water quality certification.

o. Procedural Schedule:

The application will be processed according to the following schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate.

| MILESTONE | TARGET DATE |
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| Filing of interventions, protests, comments, recommendations, preliminary terms and conditions, and preliminary fishway prescriptions | October 2020 |
| Commission issues Environmental Assessment | May 2021 |
| Comments on Environmental Assessment | June 2021 |

Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 30 days from the issuance date of this notice.

Dated: August 27, 2020.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.